(vi) Setting up of Flower Auction Centres.

Norms for inspection of cars

3082. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some foreign car manufacturers have urged Government not to insist on testing of Completely Built Unit (CBU) cars;

(b) the details of present norms/standard of inspection for such cars; and

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in affirmative, the names of the companies who have approached and Government's reaction on their request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. A representation has been received from a car manufacturer requesting to exempt import of Completely Built Unit (CBU) cars imported under Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme from all the conditions regarding testing/inspection of cars. The firm has also requested that the condition of homologation should be exempted on small volume import of cars.

As per the present regulations import of new cars in India is subject to compliance of the vehicle with the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and the rules made thereunder. The Vehicles shall also have a speedometer indicating the speed in Kilometer per hour, have right hand steering and controls, have photometry of the headlamps to "suit keep left" traffic and are imported from the country of manufacture. In addition the vehicles should also comply with rule 126 and 126A of the Central Motor Vehicle Rules (CMVR), 1989. The importer shall also be responsible for all the provisions assigned to the manufacturer as per rules 122 and 138 of CMVR and for issuing Form 22, as per provisions of CMVR.

After removal of quantitative restrictions, specific conditions like testing, homologation etc. have been imposed on import of

automobiles to ensure consumer protection, road safety and adherence to specified emission norms. The firm is being informed accordingly.

Classification of China, Vietnam, Mangolia and Russia as 'Non-Market' Economies

3083. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has classified China, Vietnam, Mangolia and Russia as 'non-merket' economies;

(b) if so, whether this step is aimed at clamping down on imports from these countries to protect the domestic industry; and

(c) if so, whether Government would strive to make our industry globally competitive to enter the vast World markets instead of taking this myopic view thereby giving advantage to domestic industry only to the extent to domestic markets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Notification No. 28/2001-NT- Customs dated 31.05.2001 has been issued by the Department of Revenue to amend the Customs Tarrif (Identification, Assessment and Collection of Anti-dumping Duty on Dumped Articles and for Determination of Injury) Rules, 1995, so as to introduce a criteria for determining "non-market economy" countries for the purposes of anti-dumping investigations. The "non-market economy" countries notified include China, Vietnam, Mongolia and Russia. Any country among them seeking to establish that it is a market economy country as per criteria enunciated in the Notification No. 28/2001-NT-Customs dated 31.05.2001, may provide all necessary information which shall be taken due account by the designated authority. This step of the Government is aimed at clarifying the position in relation to anti-dumping investigations in respect of imports from such countries wherein the sales may not reflect the fair value of the merchandise.